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Date: March 12, 2008
To: Becky Nelson, Office of Career & Technical Education
From: Becky Dorman, HR Supervisor – Sioux Falls School District
Subject: Letter of Support for Family and Consumer Science Endorsement

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Becky Dorman", is written over the "To:" and "From:" lines of the letterhead.

The Sioux Falls School District is very pleased to learn that the SD Board of Education is considering a rule to create a family and consumer science endorsement program, allowing high quality teachers to successfully complete related coursework in addition to demonstrating competency through a designated state test.

Family and consumer science vacancies are considered "difficult to fill" positions in our District. The applicant pool for certified family and consumer science teachers was so limited, the District filled two family and consumer science positions with teachers lacking the proper certification for the 2007-08 school year.

Creating an endorsement program makes it feasible for our teachers, passionate about educating students in the area family and consumer science, to pursue the family and consumer science education endorsement and become fully qualified. This endorsement program will increase teachers' knowledge base, benefiting their work in the classroom, as well as allowing teachers recognition as professionals in the field of family and consumer science.

In time, a family and consumer science endorsement program will reduce the applicant shortage our District is currently experiencing in the area of family and consumer sciences.

Thank you for this opportunity to write a letter of support for the family and consumer science endorsement program.

cc: Dr. Fred Aderhold, Assistant Superintendent
Steve Griffith, Edison Middle School